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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

FLOMAN ET AL.

Examiner

YAIMA CAMPOS

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/13/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-27 and 30-58.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Tuan V. Thai/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2185

DETAILED ACTION

1. As per the instant Application having Application number 10/828,516; the examiner acknowledges the applicant's submission of the Amendment dated 3/13/2009. Claims 24, 27, 30-31, 33, 41-42, 45 and 58 have been amended and claims 1-23 and 28-29 have been canceled. Claims 24-27 and 30-58 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alfred A. Fressola (Reg. No. 27,550) on May 1, 2009.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 24 (Currently amended)

A memory unit comprising:

- at least two memory areas configured to store data,
- first terminals comprising a data port, the first terminals configured to access data within the memory areas,
- second terminals comprising a data port, the second terminals configured to access data within the memory areas,

- ~~at least one of~~ the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port, and
- at least two access controllers selectively providing:
- sole addressing and accessing data through one of the terminals, and
- individual addressing and accessing data through each of the terminals, respectively,
- wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to all of the at least two memory areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and provide the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first terminals and second terminals.

Claim 41 (Currently amended)

A method comprising:

- receiving access signals and providing data from memory areas for storing data through first terminals comprising a data port,
- receiving access signals and providing data from said memory areas through second terminals comprising a data port,
- ~~at least one of~~ the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port, and
- selectively receiving access signals solely through one of said first and second terminals and providing data from memory areas through both said first and second terminals, and
- receiving access signals and providing data from memory areas through both of said first and second terminals individually, respectively,
- wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the providing access to all of the

memory areas is by a respective control port and address of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and the data within all of the memory areas is provided through data ports of both of said first terminals and second terminals.

Claim 42 (Currently amended)

A system for providing memory comprising:

- a first processor ~~having a data port~~, the first processor in communication with a memory unit through first terminals having a data port, and a second processor ~~having a data port~~, the second processor in communication with the memory unit through second terminals having a data port,
- ~~at least one of~~ the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port, and
- at least two access controllers selectively providing:
 - sole addressing and accessing data by one of the processors, and
 - individually addressing and accessing data by each of the processors, respectively,
 - wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to all of the at least two memory areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of said first and second ~~processors~~ terminals and provide the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both of said first and second ~~processors~~ terminals.

Claim 45 (Currently amended)

A memory unit comprising:

- at least first and second means for storing data,
- first means for accessing data within the first and second means for storing data, said first

means for accessing data, said first means for accessing data having a data port, and

- second means for accessing data within the first and second means for storing data, said second means for accessing data having a data port,
- ~~at least one of~~ the first means for accessing data and the second means for accessing data comprising a control port and an address port, and
- means for selectively providing
- sole addressing and accessing data through one of the first and second means for accessing data, and
- individual addressing and accessing data through each of the first and second means for accessing data, respectively,
- wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, said means for selectively providing access to the first and second means for storing data is by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first and second means for accessing data within all of the at least two memory areas and provides the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first and second means for accessing data.

Claim 58 (Currently amended)

An apparatus, comprising:

- at least two memory areas configured to store data,
- first terminals having a data port configured to access data within the memory areas,
- second terminals having a data port configured to access data within the memory areas,
- ~~at least one of~~ the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port, and

- at least two access controllers selectively providing:
- sole addressing and accessing data through one of the terminals, and
- individual addressing and accessing data through each of the terminals, respectively,
- wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to both of the at least two memory areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and provide the data within both of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first terminals and second terminals.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. Per the instant office action, claims **24, 41-42, 45 and 58** are considered as allowable subject matter. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

6. As per **claim 24**

The primary reasons for allowance of claim **24** in the instant applicant is the claimed combination with the inclusion in this claim of the limitation of a memory unit comprising “... at least two memory areas configured to store data... first terminals comprising a data port... second terminals comprising a data port... the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port... in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to all of the at least two memory areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and provide the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first terminals”

and second terminals.” The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above-recited combination.

7. As per **claim 41**

The primary reasons for allowance of claim **41** in the instant applicant is the claimed combination with the inclusion in this claim of the limitation of a method comprising “...receiving access signals and providing data from memory areas for storing data through first terminals comprising a data port, receiving access signals and providing data from said memory areas through second terminals comprising a data port... the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port... wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the providing access to all of the memory areas is by a respective control port and address of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and the data within all of the memory areas is provided through data ports of both of said first terminals and second terminals.” The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above-recited combination.

8. As per **claim 42**

The primary reasons for allowance of claim **42** in the instant applicant is the claimed combination with the inclusion in this claim of the limitation of a system comprising “... a first processor, the first processor in communication with a memory unit through first terminals having a data port , and a second processor, the second processor in communication with the memory unit through second terminals having a data port, the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port, and... wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to all of the at least two memory

areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of said first and second terminals and provide the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both of said first and second terminals.” The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above-recited combination.

9. As per **claim 45**

The primary reasons for allowance of claim **45** in the instant applicant is the claimed combination with the inclusion in this claim of the limitation of a memory unit comprising “...first means for accessing data within the first and second means for storing data, said first means for accessing data, said first means for accessing data having a data port, and second means for accessing data within the first and second means for storing data, said second means for accessing data having a data port, the first means for accessing data and the second means for accessing data comprising a control port and an address port...wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, said means for selectively providing access to the first and second means for storing data is by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first and second means for accessing data within all of the at least two memory areas and provides the data within all of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first and second means for accessing data.” The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above-recited combination.

10. As per **claim 58**

The primary reasons for allowance of claim **58** in the instant applicant is the claimed combination with the inclusion in this claim of the limitation of an apparatus comprising “... first terminals having a data port configured to access data within the memory areas, second

terminals having a data port configured to access data within the memory areas, the first terminals and the second terminals comprising a control port and an address port... wherein in case of sole addressing and accessing the data, the access controllers provide access to both of the at least two memory areas by a respective control port and address port of only one of the first terminals and second terminals and provide the data within both of the at least two memory areas through data ports of both the first terminals and second terminals.” The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above-recited combination.

11. Dependent claims 25-27, 30-40, 43-44, 46, 47-57 are allowable at least for the reasons recited above including all the limitations of the allowable independent base claim upon which they depend.
12. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaima Campos whose telephone number is (571)272-1232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
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